

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords
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Monday, 25th August 2025

**To Each Member of the
Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Strategic
Policy Committee**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Strategic Policy Committee** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **4.30 pm** on **Monday, 22nd September, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

**Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services**

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC held on Tuesday 3rd of June 2025**
- 2 Review of Casual Trading Byelaws 2021**

MOTIONS

- 3 Councillor J. Hopkins - Universal Access to Public Realm (Specifically Footpaths)**

"That the Chief Executive publish our policy relating to universal access to the Public Realm (specifically footpaths) and explain how we ensure that policy is being adhered to."

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Strategic
Policy Committee

Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025

PRESENT

Kelly, Darren Jack
Quinlan, Patrick

Quinn, Malachy

Lenehan, Michael

O'Donnell, Siobhan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Hopkins, Joan,
Councillor Johnston, Corina, and John Fox.

The Area Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T Daly (Director of Operations), Deirdre Sinclair (A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer, Operations), Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer, Climate Action and Active Travel), James Culhane (Senior Executive Engineer, Operations), Rosemary Gibney Sherry (Administrative Officer, Operations), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer, Operations), Anne Raj (Senior Staff Officer, Operations), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer, Operations), Ronan Davis (Staff Officer, Operations).

TSPC/40/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Public Realm,
Transportation/Mobility Management SPC held on the 4th of March 2025

It was proposed by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Quinlan and
RESOLVED:

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Public Realm,
Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Meeting held on the 4th March 2025
be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**"

TSPC/41/25 (Agenda Item No 2)
Special Speed Limits Review

A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, providing an update on the Special Speed Limits Review.

Following discussion and questions on the presentation the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.

The Meeting concluded at 4.55 pm

CHAIRPERSON

DATED

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 22nd SEPTMEBER 2025

ITEM NO. 02

REVIEW OF CASUAL TRADING BYELAWS 2021

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025

MOTION NO. 03

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC REALM (SPECIFICALLY FOOTPATHS)

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins:

“That the Chief Executive publish our policy relating to universal access to the Public Realm (specifically footpaths) and explain how we ensure that policy is being adhered to.”

Report:

The Council do not have a specific policy relating to universal access to the public realm but rather look at best practice guidance instead.

Universal Design & Part M of the building regulations is key policy governing access to the built environment for disabled persons in Ireland.

Our Engineers would already refer to the Irish Wheelchair Association’s Best Practice Access Guidelines which goes into specifics around street and built environment design, for example when installing new accessible blue badge parking spaces.

Fingal County Council’s Access Officer have noted that there are a few guidance manuals which we usually refer to also. As best practice under the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), we would tend to lean a lot on what guidance Disabled Persons Organisations (DPO) produce. One such guidance manual is Voice of Vision Impairment’s Manual for Accessible Public Spaces as it has been authored by people who are blind or visually impaired.

Secondly, there is an executive summary of the Universal design approach for the Urban Environment in Ireland. This provides guidance on how to make the streetscape more universally accessible for all. These are a branch of the National Disability Authority and as such would be highly regarded for their guidance material.

Finally, there is a Universal Design Walkability Audit Tool made available by the National Transport Authority to assist Local Authorities or indeed local groups when conducting walkability audits in terms of key items to look for. The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) already informs a lot of how we plan the public realm and connectivity of footpath users, and this could be referred to also.

Source of Report: Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations.